

~~1/ A foam component comprising a matrix formed from a polymeric material and a plasticiser, a dissolution aid, and an active ingredient, preferably being active in an aqueous environment, the foam component being stable upon contact with air and unstable upon contact with water.~~

3. A foam component according to any preceding claim which has an elastic modulus of less than 10 GN.m^{-2} , preferably less than 1 GN.m^{-2} .

5. A foam component according to any preceding claim, whereby said dissolution aid comprises an effervescence system, a hydrotrope, a cellulosic material, a water-soluble salt, or a combination thereof.

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9. A foam component according to any preceding claim, which has a relative density of from 0.05 to 0.9, preferably from 0.3 to 0.7.

11. A foam component according to any preceding claim which is obtainable by a process comprising the steps of;

b) chemically or physically introducing a gas in said mixture; and

contacting an active ingredient to said mixture; and

contacting a dissolution agent to said mixture; and

whereby preferably one or more steps a) to e) are followed or accompanied by the removal of part of the water, if present.

12. A foam component according to claim 11, whereby prior to step b) said dissolution agent is contacted to said mixture of polymeric material and plasticiser.

13. Use of a foam component according to any of claims 1 to 12 to deliver active ingredients to an aqueous environment, preferably the active ingredients being detergent active ingredients, preferably enzymes, and the aqueous environment being the wash water.

14. Use of a foam component according to any of claims 1 to 12 in cleaning compositions, fabric care compositions, personal care compositions, cosmetic compositions or pharmaceutical compositions, preferably to incorporate therein active ingredients selected from enzymes, perfumes, surfactants, brighteners, dyes, suds suppressers, bleaches, bleach activators, fabric softeners, antibacterial agents, effervescing systems, and mixtures thereof.

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